


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: June 17, 2011
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development 
RE: Friday Report
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

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| Monday 6/20/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Human Service Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria |
| Tuesday 6/21/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Land Use Committee –Working Session, 7:45 p.m., Room 222 |
| Wednesday 6/22/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Relationship Violence Action Committee, 3:00 p.m., Room 222Transportation Advisory Committee, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria (City Hall basement) |
| Thursday 6/23/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Newton Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202Transportation Advisory Committee, 7:00 p.m., CafeteriaTraffic Council, 7:00 p.m., Room 222Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209 |

- **Human Service Advisory Committee:** The Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., **Monday, June 20th** in the Cafeteria, City Hall basement. The agenda will include a review of the following: lead agency report on the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) by Meredith Joy from JF&CS; grant agreement amendments that were completed for FY11 projects; and grant amounts for CDBG and ESG projects in FY12. There will also be a discussion of the implications of the implementation of the new Emergency Solutions Grant. **Contact Lowell Haynes at 617.796.1132 or lhaynes@newtonma.gov.**
- **Land Use Public Hearing:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber. The agenda includes the following petitions: **#161-11 (1)(2)(3)&(4)**, W/S Development Associates LLC and Chestnut Hill Shopping Center LLC request for a change of zone from Business 1 and Public Use to Business 4, for special permit/site plan approval and to extend a nonconforming use/structure to replace an existing 1-story retail portion of a building at **33 Boylston Street** and for a special permit/site plan approval for improvements to sidewalks and to Frontage Road/Carriage Way landscaping, parking layout, lighting and access for the Frontage Road/Carriage Way, a portion of Boylston Street along the frontage of the Chestnut Hill Shopping Center, Ward 7, Chestnut Hill. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121 aananth@newtonma.gov.**
- **Relationship Violence Action Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, June 22nd** at 3:00 p.m. in Room 222. Anyone interested in the issue of domestic violence is invited to attend. **Contact Lowell Haynes at 617.796.1132 or lhaynes@newtonma.gov.**
- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, June 23rd** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **139 Winslow Road**, request to demolish house; **52 Sewall Street**, request to demolish house; **9 Ripley Street**, request for addition; **286 Waverly Avenue**, request to renovate interior and add square footage; administrative discussion of minutes and Historic Preservation Fund. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or blever@newtonma.gov.**
- **Transportation Advisory Committee:** The Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., **Wednesday, June 22nd** in the Cafeteria, City Hall basement. The Committee will review and take action on several recommendations including governance, quality control and repairs, wayfinding, safety summits, car sharing and urban fabric. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or dkoses@newtonma.gov.**

- Traffic Council:** The Council will meet on **Thursday June 23rd** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 222. The following items will be discussed: Planning Department requesting consideration of changes to the parking restrictions on **Hull Street, Lowell Avenue and Elm Road**, to include TIGER Permit Parking; Ald. Danberg and Blazar requesting (a) a “No Stopping or Standing” zone along the southern curb of **Homer Street** in the vicinity of **72 and 64 Homer Street** and the Newton Centre Playground to accommodate a new bump-out and crosswalk across **Homer Street** and (b) changing the eastern leg of **Grafton Street** to one-way northbound matching the one-way southbound western leg; Newton Highlands Neighborhood recommending the implementation of a pedestrian-activated blinking warning sign on a mast arm above **Walnut Street** (at either Hyde or Duncklee Streets), similar to those recently implemented at other locations in Newton, and any other necessary measures to allow for a safe pedestrian crossing area in this corridor of **Walnut Street**; Ald Danberg, Fuller, Baker and Blazar requesting the following changes to accommodate bicycle lanes on Beacon Street (a) “Left Lane Must Turn Left”, **Langley Road** southbound at **Beacon** and **Sumner Streets**; (b) “Left Lane Must Turn Left”, **Langley Road** northbound at **Beacon** and **Sumner Streets**; (c) “Left Lane Must Turn Left”, **Beacon Street** eastbound at **Grant Avenue**; (d) “Right Lane Must Turn Right”, **Beacon Street** eastbound at **Hammond Pond Parkway**; (e) “Left Lane Must Turn Left”, **Beacon Street** westbound at **Hammond Pond Parkway**; (f) “Left Lane Must Turn Left”, **Beacon Street** westbound at **Hammondswood Road** subject to pre-existing turning restrictions or related measures, consideration of lane striping, or limitations on lane use to improve safety for traffic going eastbound on **Beacon** at **Hammondswood Road**; (g) “Left Lane Must Turn Left”, **Beacon Street** eastbound at **Hammond Street**; (h) “Left Lane Must Turn Left”, **Beacon Street** westbound at **Hammond Street**; (i) Parking meter zone, one-hour limit, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., **Beacon Street**, south side between **Langley Road** and **Union Street**; (j) “No Parking” zone, **Beacon Street**, south side from approximately the driveway of **698 Beacon Street** to approximately the property line of **680 and 672 Beacon Street**; (k) “No Parking” zone, **Beacon Street**, south side from approximately the driveway of **550 Beacon Street** to **Hammond Pond Parkway**; (l) “No Parking” zone, **Beacon Street**, north side from **Hobart Road** to a point approximately 200' west of **Bishopsgate Road**; (m) Remove “No Parking” regulations, **Beacon Street**, north side from approximately the driveway of **455 Beacon Street** to **Hammondswood Road**; (n) Post No Parking signs to match the existing City TPR at the following locations: (1) **Beacon Street**, south side from **Hammond Pond Parkway** to **Hammond Street**, (2) **Beacon Street**, north side, from **Hammond Street** to approximately the driveway of **455 Beacon**; Ald. Danberg requesting discussion and possible action on the following: No parking on **Beacon Street** eastbound (south side) from **Beacon Heights** to **Hammond Pond Parkway**, no parking on **Beacon Street** westbound (north side) from **Hammondswood** to the driveway at **609 Beacon Street**, no parking on **Beacon Street** westbound (north side) from **Grant Avenue** to **Dalton Street**. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or dkoses@newtonma.gov.**
- Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, June 23rd** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The following items will be heard: **Stream Maintenance**, Department of Public Works seeks approval for manual to do normal stream maintenance in perennial and intermittent streams throughout Newton; **30 Beethoven Avenue - Zervas School**, Public Buildings Department requests installation of new modular classroom and after-the-fact installation of paving in buffer to bordering vegetated wetland; **687 Watertown Street - Horace Mann School**, Public Buildings Department requests installation of new modular classroom partially in the riverfront to Cheesecake Brook; **Commonwealth Avenue - Bridge**, Massachusetts D.O.T. to install shoring beam in flood zone; **100 Suffolk Road**, renovation of existing deck and existing sunroom in 100 ft. buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland; **31 Selwyn Road**, demolition and re-construction of single-family home in flood zone; **33 Boylston Street - Chestnut Hill Shopping Center**, replacement of two lighting structures in the 100 ft. buffer to bank of Hammond Pond; **210 Nahanton Street**, Nahanton Woods Condo requests continuance to June 23rd meeting; **MBTA Right-of-Way (through Webster conservation area)**, Vegetation Management Plan continued from April & May. **Violations (new and updates): 73 Beaconwood Road; 320-322 Needham Street; 75-85-95 Wells Avenue; 193 Oak Street - Village Condos.** **Certificates of Compliance: 36 Hyde Avenue**, requesting partial Certificate of Completion; **386 Quinobequin Road**, requested as-built plan and surveyor’s letter has been received. **Contact Anne Phelps at 617.796.1134 or email aphelps@newtonma.gov.**